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**Via Express Mail**

Mr. Bradley Stimple  
On-Scene Coordinator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5  
Superfund Division  
Emergency Response Branch  
77 West Jackson Blvd., SE-5J  
Chicago, IL 60604

**Re: Nicor Gas Company's Submission of Final Report pursuant to U.S. EPA  
Section 106 Order**

Dear Brad:

As you know, on April 6, 2001, we provided you with final reports summarizing the remedial activities performed by Nicor Gas Company ("Nicor Gas") under the Administrative Order pursuant to Section 106(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. Section 9606(a), issued by U.S. EPA on September 6, 2000, as subsequently amended by U.S. EPA Order, dated October 25, 2000. Included with this material was a document entitled Final Report, Mercury Removal Actions at Nicor Gas Reporting Centers and Gas Storage Fields, dated March 2001. At the time the above-referenced report was submitted, certain limited remedial activities had not yet been fully completed at two Nicor Gas reporting centers, Belvidere, Illinois and Prospect Heights, Illinois. Enclosed you will find Supplemental Report Number 1 which summarizes the additional work performed at the identified reporting center locations.

With this submittal, Nicor Gas has satisfied all of its reporting obligations under the Agency's 106 Order. As required by Section 5 of the Order, a copy of the enclosed report is also being sent to designated representatives of the Illinois Attorney General's Office and the DuPage and Cook County State's Attorney's Offices. Nicor Gas is also providing copies of these reports to appropriate Illinois EPA representatives who provided direction and oversight for much of the work performed pursuant to the Order.

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Please call me if you have any questions regarding the enclosed report or any issues that have been identified in connection with your review of the final reports submitted in this matter. Nicor Gas continues to await U.S. EPA's issuance of a Notice of Completion certifying the satisfactory completion of all required work under the Order. Thank you for your continued cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Watson", with a large, stylized initial "J" and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke.

John W. Watson

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Enclosure

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